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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KUROSAKI, Toru, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2826**

Serial No.: **10/607,083**

Examiner: **Tan N. TRAN**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING ACTIVE GROOVES**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 2826**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 10, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.